(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Registered Central Trade Unions

1720. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Central Trade Unions comprising of the labour from organised and unorganised sectors registered under the Act;

(b) what is number of their respective members in the year 1989-90; and

(c) what is the number of workers engaged in organised sectors in the country

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABANSING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) According to information available with the Government, only the All India Trade Union Congress among the major Central Trade Union organisations is registered under the Tarde Unions Act, 1926. The membership of the All India Trade Union Congress was 3,44,746 as on 31-12-1980 as per the General Verification of membership of Central trade union organisations.

(c) The estimated number of persons employed in the public and the private sector in the year 1989 was 2.59.86.000.

Promotion of Floriculture

1721. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Government organisations for the promtion of floriculture in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Horticulture Division of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and the State Departments of Horticulure and Agriculture are the main Government organisations for promtion of floriculture in the country. Besides, Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), State Trading Corporation (STC), State Seeds Corporations and local bodies such as Municipal and City Corporations also promote development of floriculture.

Regional Provident Fund Office at Tirunelveli

1722. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation dated the 3rd July, 1991 has been received by Government from District Beedi Workers Union, Alangulam, Tamil Nadu demanding opening of a Regional Provident Fund office at Tirunelveli in the interest of nearly 1,85,000 Beedi workers of the area.

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABANSING GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration of the Executive Committee of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund.

Selection of posts at Golden Rock Workshop, Southern Railway

1723. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that election for posts of Mechanical Khalasi is in progress at the Golden Rock Workshop, Southern Railway;

(b) whether the norm "At least one ward of a Railway Employee (whether

Serving or retired and none of his/her ward is working in Railways) should be given the offer of appointment and should also be in the criteria of age" is being followed in the Southern Railway while making recruitments for posts mentioned in part (a) above;

(c) whether Daksin Railway Employees Union have submitted representations to the Chief Workshop Manager/Southern Railway, Golden Rock urging them to conduct the selections purely on the norms mentioned in part (b) above and avoid irregularities; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to complete the recruitments and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Legislation on Construction Labour

1724. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu State Government had enacted legislation known as "Tamil Nadu Building and Construction workers (Conditions of Employment and Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1984";

(b) whether it is also a fact that framing of rules and norms under the said act has been deffered by Tamil Nadu Government in view of proposed Central legislation relating to Building and Construction workers; and

(c) if so, what is the progress made in respect of the Bill known as The Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Bill 1988?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABUOR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 1988 was being taken up for consideration in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1989 when the then Minister for Labour sought permission of the House to defer consideration of the Bill in view of the fact that a meassage had been received from the Lok Sabha Secretariat that Committee on Petitions had recommended that the Government should consider the draft Bill submitted by the National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Labour Following extensive examination of the suggestion of the National Campaign Committee, the detalis are being worked out.

Representation by Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association

1725. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation dated 27th June, 1991 have been received by Government from Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Madras urging for implementation of the IV Central Pay Commission's recommendations for grant of ex-gratia payments to living railway employees who retired under Provident Fund rules.

(b) if so, whether Government are considering their request;

(c) whether Government have already implemented the recommendation for grant of Ex-gratia in respect of dependents of deceased Provident Fund Retirees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request was duly considered but could not be agreed to because the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission in this regard have not been accepted by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Widows and dependent children of the decreased CPF beneficiaries who had retired prior to 1-1-1986 are entitled for